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grenade attack in Cambodia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. ROBB,
Mr. ROTH, and Mr. THOMAS) submitted the following resolution; which
was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the March
30, 1997, terrorist grenade attack in Cambodia.

Whereas Cambodia continues to recover from more than
three decades of recent warfare, including the genocide
committed by the Khmer Rouge from 1975 to 1979;

Whereas Cambodia was the beneficiary of a massive inter-
national effort to ensure peace, democracy, and prosper-
ity after the October 1991 Paris Agreements on a Com-
prehensive Political Settlement of the Cambodia Conflict;

Whereas more than 93 percent of the Cambodians eligible to
vote in the 1993 elections in Cambodia did so, thereby
demonstrating the commitment of the Cambodian people
to democracy;

Whereas since those elections, Cambodia has made significant economic progress which has contributed to economic stability in Cambodia;

Whereas since those elections, the Cambodia Armed Forces have significantly diminished the threat posed by the Khmer Rouge to safety and stability in Cambodia;

Whereas other circumstances in Cambodia, including the recent unsolved murders of journalists and political party activists, the recent unsolved attack on party officials of the Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party in 1995, and the quality of the judicial system—described in a 1996 United Nations report as “thoroughly corrupt”—raise international concern for the state of democracy in Cambodia;

Whereas Sam Rainsy, the leader of the Khmer Nation Party, was the target of a terrorist grenade attack on March 30, 1997, during a demonstration outside the Cambodia National Assembly;

Whereas the attack killed 19 Cambodians and wounded more than 100 men, women, and children; and

Whereas among those injured was Ron Abney, a United States citizen and employee of the International Republican Institute who was assisting in the advancement of democracy in Cambodia and observing the demonstration: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) extends its sincerest sympathies to the fami-
 3 lies of the persons killed, and the persons wounded,
 4 in the March 30, 1997, terrorist grenade attack out-
 5 side the Cambodia National Assembly;

1 (2) condemns the attack as an act of terrorism
2 detrimental to peace and the development of democ-
3 racy in Cambodia;

4 (3) calls upon the United States Government to
5 offer to the Cambodia Government all appropriate
6 assistance in identifying and prosecuting those re-
7 sponsible for the attack; and

8 (4) calls upon the Cambodia Government to ac-
9 cept such assistance and to expeditiously identify
10 and prosecute those responsible for the attack.

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